



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2024

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am & 12:00pm

Weekday

Tuesday thru Friday 9:00am
1st Saturday of the month 9:00am

CONFESSION

Wednesday & Friday 9:30 -10:00am
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm
*Closed on all statutory holidays and
12-12:30pm for lunch.*



Thank you for joining us! We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. If you are new to our parish community, please fill out a registration form available on our website, at the SW entrance of the church, or at the parish office.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the month of September

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Fr. Domingo Bongalos—stjamespastorcalgary@gmail.com
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Volunteer Screening—Kerstin Daly - pvsc@stjamescalgary.org
Sacrament Preparation—VACANT



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Sunday Gospel—Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

First Communion/First Reconciliation 2024-2025 NEW PROGRAM 2025 REGISTER NOW!

We are delighted to introduce an exciting new initiative by the Diocese of Calgary to prepare your child for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Our guiding theme for this sacramental preparation journey is inspired by Matthew 19:14 *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* This verse beautifully captures the essence of our pastoral renewal, affirming that *our children are called by God, they matter to Him, and they belong to the Body of Christ* – our Church and parish community.

We deeply value your family and are committed not only to preparing your child for these important sacraments but also to supporting your family's ongoing relationship with Christ and integrating faith into daily life. To this end, we are introducing several new elements in our sacramental preparation process. Notably, instead of traditional classroom settings, each family will be part of a small group that will journey through the preparation together. During our "Family Gatherings," you and your child will engage in prayer, listen to the Word of God, participate in conversations and discussions, and enjoy fun, interactive activities and games that will deepen your child's understanding of the faith and the sacraments.

The preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will include 16 gatherings, totalling 24 hours, from October (tentatively) through June. Schedule to be confirmed once a Sacrament Prep Coordinator is hired. Classes will run on Thursday evenings from 6:30 -7:45pm. Registration fee is \$50 per student. **A parent must attend all classes with their child.**

REGISTER YOUR CHILD **NOW** THROUGH THE OFFICE! IMPORTANT PARENT SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30PM.



This session will provide all the information required for the new program. Registration forms are available at the SW doors, online, and at the parish office. There will not be a registration night as in years past. Registration to be done through the office prior to the Parent Session. Please submit payment with registration form (cash, cheque or credit card) as soon as possible.

Sacrament Preparation Coordinator—Career Opportunity (Casual) St James Parish—Calgary

The Sacrament Preparation Coordinator is called to share in the Church's teaching on the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The coordinator is responsible to ensure that all necessary requirements have been carefully minded and arranged for all individuals and families preparing to celebrate the sacraments. For more information, contact Brenda in the parish office. Applicants please apply to: catholicyc/careers

MASS OF INSTALLATION

We welcome Bishop McGrattan who will be celebrating the installation of Fr. Domingo as pastor of our parish this weekend.

Saturday, September 14 at 5pm

Light refreshments to follow in the hall.

All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Our Parish Needs You!

Maintenance

Men and women who are willing to help maintain our building and its belongings with small, medium and large projects—some weekly, some more intermittently—from organizing storage areas, to maintaining our boiler, there are lots of jobs to cover for lots of skill levels (Handy men or women are most welcome!)

Weekday/Weekend Sacristans

Usually a once a week task to set up the altar and prepare for the morning Mass

Altar Servers

Assisting at Mass—girls and boys who have already received First Communion

Collection Counters & Coordinators

2 teams alternate monthly to count and prepare the deposit on Monday mornings

Finance Committee

Individuals with backgrounds in accounts management who will oversee our parish finances with the help of David Mu, our parish bookkeeper, and Fr. Domingo.

Children's Liturgy

Adults to deliver the Sunday 10am Children's Liturgy Program along with the team. Limited time required.

Lectors

Proclaims the readings at Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers

Distributes the Body & Blood of Jesus at Mass.

For more information about any of our ministries, please contact either Brenda or Kerstin in the parish office.

Together in Action

2024 Goal

\$36,218

Collected To Date

\$14,897

Thank you to those who have already contributed.
Please consider a donation to our

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 17

9am Intention of the Albano/Boccardo Family

Wednesday, September 18

9am Rick Forster +

Thursday, September 19

9am Catherine Streifel +

Friday, September 20

9am Jens Kaack +

Saturday, September 21

5pm Parishioners of St James

Sunday, September 22

10am Emil Zintel +

12pm Intention of Elena Roro

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Wed., Sept. 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

"Introduction to RCIA"

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? All non-Catholic inquirers and interested Catholics are welcome. Parishioners who want to

learn about volunteering in this ministry are also invited to join us. Please contact Brenda in the parish office for more information.

We have a new look!

Our bulletins are now designed with our new logo. Check out our new website too that was just launched this week!

Why is the seashell a symbol of St James? The shell symbolizes the Apostle James, who was said to have been buried in Santiago, hence the town's name. According to legend, James' body was transported back to Spain on a boat made of a single scallop shell, which is why the scallop shell became the symbol of the pilgrimage.

Confession Schedule Revised

Beginning this month, confession will be available on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** after the 9am Mass; Saturdays at 4pm, and by appointment. (There will be no confession available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.)

Lectio Divina Workshop With the Seeds of the Word Sisters

Saturday, October 5

3:00—4:30pm

Parish Hall

This Week at the Church

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| Monday | 6:00pm | Legion of Mary |
| Tuesday | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Mass |
| | 9:30am | Marian/Divine Mercy Cenacle |
| | 7:30pm | Knights of Columbus |
| Wednesday | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Mass//Confession |
| | 1:00pm | Choir |
| | 7:00pm | RCIA |
| Thursday | 7:00am | Regnum Christi Women |
| | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Mass |
| | 7:00pm | Parish Renewal Team |
| Friday | 8:30am | Rosary |
| | 9:00am | Mass/Confession/Adoration |
| | 1:00pm | Sing-a-long for Seniors |
| Saturday | 4:00pm | Confession |
| | 5:00pm | Mass |
| Sunday | 10:00am | Mass |
| | 12:00pm | Mass |

Be sure to visit **Enchanted Petals** for your floral needs. We thank Enchanted Petals for their continued service to our parish.
www.enchantedpetals.ca
(Across the street from the church.)



Kids' Korner

Children's Liturgy begins this weekend during the 10am Mass. Children up to grade 2 are invited to attend. We need more volunteers to ensure that the program can take place each Sunday. Contact Kerstin Daly at pvsc@stjamescalgary.org for more information.



NEW! Helping Hands

We are putting together a team of men and women who are willing to help with odd jobs around the church. These may be weekly, monthly or yearly small jobs. Please contact Brenda in the parish office to add your name to the list. Your help is greatly appreciated! No experience is necessary. The plan is that the parish office will keep a list of the small jobs to be done and call upon the *Helping Hands* team as needed. The more people we have on the list, the better!

Life Chain Sunday, October 6 2-3pm

Along Macleod Trail between Heritage Drive and Southland Drive. Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration.

Please do not water the plants!

We have had some challenges recently with our plants being overwatered in the sanctuary. The excess water drowns the plants and also seeps on to the floor creating a safety hazard. We have a team that closely monitors the watering of these plants.

We Pray for the Sick and All Who Care for Them

Emma Boccoardo, Ali Boyd, Alex Clennett, Stephanie Davis, Gaetano Dumo, Gabrielle Engels, Scott Evans, Phil Faba, Fr. Noel Farman, Mary Figley, Marie Funke, Aidan Hanes, Sylvia Harris, Jennifer Hazen, Charlotte Johansen, Deacon Tony Klein, Bill Montgomery, Dave Moran, Mark Naylen, Nancy, Elliott Nowell, Rita Ortiz-Waschmann, Joyce Patterson, Andrew Pelletier, Jorge Carlos Rotela, Gabriel Serpas, Fr. Michael Storey, Brad Sluiter, Ildiko Szikora, Shirley Valentine

And for Those Who Have Died

Cecil Dreger, Jean Coughlin, Neil Jeanson, Clementine Lagimodiere, Ann Hayes, Maria Da Braganza, Andre Page, Barbara Kenmuir



We Are So Grateful For Your Financial Support!

- ◆ Online giving on the "Contribute" page of our website—one time or monthly with debit, Visa, Visa debit, Mastercard, or American Express
- ◆ Mastercard, Visa or Debit through the office—one time donation or monthly
- ◆ Pre-authorized Withdrawal (Direct Deposit) - get forms from the office or at the church entrance
- ◆ E-transfer to isupport@stjamescalgary.org
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope in the collection basket
- ◆ Dropping off your envelope at the office or into the office mailbox
- ◆ Mailing your donation to the church